

Docket No.: 050229-0418

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Stephen M. TESTA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 3335  
Application No.: 10/730,261 : Group Art Unit: 1635  
Filed: December 09, 2003 : Examiner: Tracy Ann Vivlemore  
For: TRANS-EXCISION-SPLICING RIBOZYME AND METHODS OF USE

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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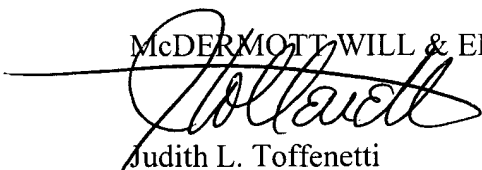
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2006, now due to expire August 3, 2006, be extended for two month(s) and set to expire on October 3, 2006.

Please charge the extension fee of \$225.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

Respectfully submitted,

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